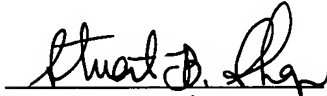


REMARKS

Claims 1-9; 13-23 and 27-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

The application is considered to be in condition for examination and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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